



## THE RAILROADS.

**A Houston Railroad Man Informs The Gazette of Some of Mr. Huntington's Intentions.**

The Fort Worth and New Orleans Only a Link in a Great System—State and Home Notes.

### Home Notes.

Chief Engineer W. B. Parsons of the Fort Worth and Rio Grande is out on the road.

G. H. Turner, traveling freight agent of the Missouri Pacific, was in the city yesterday.

James Merryfield, traveling passenger agent of the Ohio and Mississippi was in the city last night.

R. C. Cowardin, traveling passenger agent of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis, was in the city yesterday.

Colonel Lawrence and other Fort Worth Western people will probably put in an appearance here by the 10th of this month.

The annual meeting of stockholders and election of directors of the Southern Kansas of Texas will be held in Fort Worth on April 21.

Major John D. Lewis of Austin was in the city last night on his way to St. Louis to take charge of one of the excursion trains to Fort Worth next week. On the 16th two or three trains will leave Fort Worth for California, and Major Lewis will see that all is arranged for the comfort of the tourists.

A very prominent railroad man, living in the city of Houston, said to the GAZETTE man: "The Southern Pacific management is now discussing the building of a line of railroad from Woodville through Crockett, Fairfield, Mexia and Waxahatchie to Fort Worth, and thence northwest to Abilene, and thence to the Panhandle and prairie country, and haul cattle and cotton one way and pine boards the other way. A third reason was there were certain large bodies of land Mr. Huntington and others interested with him desired to have settled on. Not only would the road mentioned be built but a road running with the old cattle trail would be built from Abilene and pushed through to a northern connection. In conclusion the gentleman said, 'Whoever your Fort Worth informant was who said that Huntington was on the eve of gigantic railroad construction in Texas he knew what he was talking about. I have told you what will surely come to pass.'"

**Roanoke's New Depot.**

Special to the Gazette.

ROANOKE, TEX., Feb. 3.—The Missouri Pacific bridge and building department have at last commenced work on the new depot.

### Securing Right of Way.

Special to the Gazette.

WICHITA FALLS, TEX., Feb. 3.—The Wichita Falls and Winfield Railroad Company are busy securing right of way from here to Red River.

### From Bowie.

Special to the Gazette.

BOWIE, TEX., Feb. 3.—The railroad committee have received no answer from General Dodge as yet in regard to the building of the Bowie, Montague and Burlington line, but as we are sure of getting the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific R. W., it does not affect us much. Our railroad committee will now open correspondence with the Rock Island officials, and we hope to have this line in working order before long.

### The First Stake.

Special to the Gazette.

DENISON, TEX., Feb. 3.—The first stake driven by the Denison, Bonham and New Orleans surveying party was about twenty-five yards east of the Central track and at the end of Main street. From there they went in a southeasterly direction to Bonham, Ladonia, the rich pine forest, and to the Queen of the South. It is looked upon as a settled fact that this new road is going to be built, and two to one dirt will fly in ninety days.

### On to Dalingerfield.

When Texas sets her head to build a railroad, she does not waste any time, but does it at once. For instance, to look at the Texas and Dalingerfield Road. The original charter of this road was filed at Austin the other day, and the incorporators are as follows: J. A. Baker, C. J. Gooch of Houston, H. G. Fleming and G. W. Burdick of Palestine, and C. S. Todd, W. T. Hodgins, J. H. Smelser,

Larry Klein, A. L. Ghio and W. H. McCarty of Texarkana. The capital stock is \$100,000. This shows plainly that these gentlemen mean business, and Colonel Ghio informs us that the road will be pushed to an early completion. Lordy, what a boom Texarkana is on! On to Dalingerfield!—[Texarkana Times.]

### Notes from Sherman.

Special to the Gazette.

SHERMAN, TEX., Feb. 3.—The citizens' executive railroad committee have been busy engaged during the day in purchasing the depot grounds in the city limits for the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas Railroad, and it is thought that full title to the property will be secured to the road by either to-morrow or next day. The various owners of the property signed guarantees for deeds several days ago, and the delay of procuring the same has only been caused by the time required for their perfection.

### Bonham's New Road.

Special to the Gazette.

BONHAM, TEX., Feb. 3.—Captain S. B. Allen, W. H. Nunnelee, R. W. Campbell and John Sparger, went to Denison yesterday to attend a meeting of the stockholders of the Denison, Bonham and New Orleans Railroad, and to hold an election of officers for the same. They returned to-day and report Captain S. B. Allen elected President. Everything is getting in ship shape for this road, and the next move will be to make dirt fly on the right of way.

### Cleburne Railway Notes.

Special to the Gazette.

CLEBURNE, TEX., Feb. 3.—Another railroad meeting was held at the courthouse last night at which a sufficient number of names to complete the right of way bond were secured, and it was on motion agreed to forward the bond to Galveston to-day. The blank notes to be signed by those subscribing for the road have also been received. The notes are made payable December next. Another railroad meeting is called for next Monday night.

The finance committee of the Cleburne and Weatherford road met to-day and resolved to fix the basis of contribution to the Santa Fe extension at 5 per cent. of the taxable valuation of property for the year 1886.

### Will Take the Field.

THE DENISON, BONHAM AND NEW ORLEANS RAILWAY.

The Denison, Bonham and New Orleans surveying party are organized and will take the field on Friday of this week. Major McWille will be in charge. Mr. H. B. Rains, transitman, and City Engineer Rhamey, levelman. They will leave the city in a southeast direction.

Major McWille informs the News that it will not take over five or six weeks to run the preliminary line.

Thus it will be seen that the Denison, Bonham and New Orleans Railway is a fixed fact. We can now truthfully say, on to Bonham.—[Denison News.]

### Cotton Belt Extension.

Special to the Gazette.

PARIS, TEX., Feb. 3.—Captain F. M. Smith of Rosalie, between here and Mt. Pleasant, is in the city for the purpose of working up and seeing what can be done in the interest of the proposed extension of the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas Railroad from Mt. Pleasant to Paris, to come through by Haleboro and Deport. Captain Smith was found at the Lamar hotel and said the people along the proposed line are fully awake to the need of the road, and think if Paris will do her part that work can be commenced during this year. S. J. Wright of this city was showing Captain Smith around yesterday and talking up the boom. Captain Smith returned home to-day, and active steps will be taken at once to put this move on foot.

### Weatherford's Santa Fe Line.

Special to the Gazette.

WEATHERFORD, TEX., Feb. 3.—Judge A. J. Hood, permanent chairman of the railroad movement, has appointed the following gentlemen on the several committees, as he was authorized to do at the railroad meeting Monday night: Finance committee: Major A. R. Andrews, A. F. Starr, R. W. Kindel. Subscription committee: G. M. Bowie, J. R. MacKenzie, L. W. Christian. Night of way committee: Colonel T. D. Lewis and Colonel W. R. Shannon. This is certainly a very wise and judicious selection, as the gentlemen selected are in every way capable of discharging their duties with credit to themselves and satisfaction to all interested. As soon as the line is run the right of way will be secured and work will commence, and before July 1, 1887, one of the main lines of the Santa Fe—and not a tap—will be running through Weatherford, and will connect with another of their lines now being constructed in New Mexico.

### A New Connection for Fort Worth.

FORT WORTH, TEX., Feb. 2.—It is now an open secret in Fort Worth that overtures have been made to the city by Mr. S. W. Fordyce of the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas Railroad, having in view the building a branch of the road, starting out from a point known as Commerce, on the Sherman branch, running thence to Plano and Grapevine, and to Fort Worth.

Letters have passed between Mr. Fordyce and leading citizens of this place, and there has been some quick work done in the last two weeks. The matter has been quietly talked over with leading men of the Grapevine section, and there is an undoubted disposition among them to aid in securing the construction of the road through their section. It is believed that nothing more than depot grounds and right of way through the county will be asked by the road, and they will have no trouble in securing that. Mr. Bushong, a leading and wealthy citizen of Grapevine, has expressed himself as speaking for his people, and assures those interested in the efforts being made that Grapevine will do her part in securing the construction of the road through Grapevine to Fort Worth. Mr. Fordyce himself will be in Fort Worth in a few days, and it is expected that the work that has been done on the quiet will culminate in a definite proposition from Mr. Fordyce to the people of this city. Those who profess to know all about this matter go so far as to say that an understanding has already been arrived at, and that work on the proposed line will commence inside of sixty days.—[Dallas News.]

### New Southern Routes.

Work on the extension of the St. Louis and San Francisco in Texas is progressing favorably. The near future will see this new route from St. Louis to Texas completed and open for business. This line will be of great importance. It will traverse an excellent region, of extraordinary productivity, and thus be of immense benefit in building up and sustaining local growth. The region contiguous to the Frisco road on its Paris extension is probably as fine as can be found anywhere in the southwest. Thus its local revenue will be large, and constantly grow for many years to come.

As a through line, connecting St. Louis and Texas, it will be of vast importance. It will constitute another highway over which the cotton and cattle of a great territory of country will reach this market, and the boundaries of the trade of St. Louis will be correspondingly increased. As a competing route with the existing lines it will offer advantages. It will also enjoy the carrying business of an intermediate stretch of country over which it will practically have the exclusive control.

It seems that, owing to the resolute efforts of President Fordyce and Vice-President Kerens, the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas Railway will become a St. Louis line. The indifference of this city has been strange in the light of self interest, and the chances at one time seemed favorable to the building of the road on the east side of the Mississippi river. In such a case, the benefit to this place would have been greatly increased. Now the wise course is about to prevail, and it will not be very long before St. Louis shall enjoy three routes to the south.—[St. Louis Railway R. gister.]

### State Notes.

Now the Bonham papers are wasting a heap of good space shouting about the Fort Worth and Arthur Railroad. It is not quite the right time to build that road yet, but in the fulfillment of time Honey Grove will properly attend to that line, and don't you forget it.—[Honey Grove Citizen.]

Already the Missouri Pacific Railway managers are making extensive preparations at this place to accommodate the through traffic from Denison to Henrietta, as this will be the terminus of the eastern division of that road. Grounds have been purchased just south of the park for extensive yards, and our shops and roundhouses are to be greatly enlarged and improved. The bonus of \$15,000 given by our citizens to the Henrietta extension was money well placed.—[Denison News.]

### NON COMPOS NINA.

She Has Not Seen Spies Nor Has the License Been Returned.

CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 3.—"Miss Vandant has made no application to me to visit the jail, either as Mrs. Spies or otherwise," said Sheriff Matson last evening. "In fact, neither she nor any of her friends have been to see me. Decidedly I would not recognize the alleged marriage. It was simply a farce which no reasonable person would countenance. If Miss Vandant were legally married to Spies it would make no difference whatever in my position."

At the marriage license department of the County Clerk's office it was learned that no certificates of marriage had been returned and some curiosity was shown as to how he would make it. Many were of the opinion that no return would be made. The statute provides a fine of \$100 for failure on the part of the person performing a marriage ceremony to make return. "If a return is made," said County Clerk Wolf, "I shall refuse to receive or record it until I have advice of the State's Attorney that it is proper to do so."

### COLD BLOODED MURDER.

A Prominent Merchant of Warrensburg, Mo., Killed for His Money.

WARRENSBURG, MO., Feb. 3.—Last night about 9 o'clock this city was the scene of a diabolical murder. F. M. Prussing, the victim, was a prominent grocer. While on his way home after business hours, he was struck a severe blow in the head with a hickory club in the hands of some one unknown. The blow rendered him senseless, having fractured his skull, and his assailant then rifled his pockets of their contents and fled. Prussing died in a short time. He was paid yesterday \$10,000, the amount of the mortgage he held on city property, and it was supposed the murderer was aware of that fact and committed the crime in the hope of relieving the victim of his money. Prussing had, however, left the amount in his safe where it was found this morning. No clue to the murderer has been found.

### TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

A fresh batch of St. Louis election fraud indictments has been found.

The New Jersey and West Virginia senatorial contests are still unsettled.

Both houses of the Minnesota Legislature have passed a high license liquor bill.

Five thousand steel workers of Pittsburgh, Pa., demand a 15 per cent. advance in wages.

The range cattle business of Wyoming Territory has suffered no unusual loss so far this winter.

A desperate effort is making with partial success to fill the places of the striking longshoremen in New York city.

## ANARCHY.

**County Commissioners in Colorado Forced to Resign at the Points of a Mob's Pistols.**

The Commissioners were Mexicans and Republicans, and a Sheriff Said to be a Democrat Leads the Opposition.

DENVER, COL., Feb. 3.—Pagosa Springs, the seat of Conejos county, is in a state of anarchy. A mob has driven the County Commissioners from town, burned several houses, and the Commissioners scared and forced to resign their offices at the point of revolvers.

A special from there says: J. B. Martinez, J. Panchuleta and L. Scase, Republican County Commissioners, were, on July 3, unseated by the Democratic Sheriff named Height. The act was perpetrated with political intent and the mob which followed the Sheriff after having accomplished the act of intimidation burned the house of Mr. Scase. This last act was committed Monday during the absence of Scase in Denver.

Last November the above named Commissioners were elected by Republican votes. At the same time a Democrat named Height was elected Sheriff. There was a great deal of feeling at the polls, but the preponderating Mexican vote assured Martinez, Panchuleta and Scase their triumph over the attacks of their antagonist. They were Mexicans and this added to the strength of the bitterness prevalent; the feeling increased instead of diminishing as the time of their induction into office approached. January 3, at the county seat, the time for their official appearance, an armed mob of twenty men, led by Sheriff Height, forced its way into the room where the Commissioners were seated and demanded them to vacate their seats. The Sheriff insisted that the resignations be made at once or else there would be bloodshed. The Commissioners, mistaking the terms of the mob, refused under the impression that the demonstration was nothing more than bluster, but the mob, intent on its purpose, took forcible possession of the Commissioners, and with more threats, locked them in the room, declaring it to be their purpose to starve them into submission. At the time of the forcible entry of the mob Martinez left the room and escaped from the building. A delegation of the mob overtook him, forcibly dragged him to the courthouse and locked him up with his companions. Finally, at the expiration of five or six hours, the mob permitted the prisoners to go, but the concession seemed to be for a purpose. As soon as the Commissioners separated the mob with the Sheriff still at its head followed Commissioner Scase to his home. Scase was proprietor of a hotel at Pagosa Springs, and it was here that he resided. The mob surrounded the hotel and taking Scase again in custody he was dragged forth from the midst of his family and with gun barrels at his head compelled him to resign office as a Commissioner. The resignation so obtained was at once forwarded to Governor Adams, and instructions sent with it that he should appoint at once a Democrat in place of Scase. Since that time the board has not met, nor have the laws been enforced, and a condition of things bordering upon anarchy has prevailed. The matter was brought before the General Assembly to-day and a committee was appointed to investigate affairs at once.

### BONHAM.

A Gang of Horse-Thieves Arrested—Sent to the Asylum.

Special to the Gazette.

BONHAM, TEX., Feb. 3.—Deputy Sheriff Morris Dunn, Francis Stone and W. W. Weatherbee on yesterday evening brought to the city and lodged in jail nine horse-thieves, all negroes. This is a gang that has been operating on Red River, both on this side and in the Nation, for some time, and their capture is noted with satisfaction by every citizen of the county.

On yesterday evening Sheriff James W. Evans left for Terrell, having in his charge Mrs. Frank Slack, who had been adjudged insane and ordered sent to the lunatic asylum.

### M'KINNEY.

A Jury Recommends that a Reformatory be Established.

Special to the Gazette.

M'KINNEY, TEX., Feb. 3.—Charles Patterson, a boy of some sixteen years, was tried for burglary of a country residence. The jury, composed of solid, substantial citizens, hesitated a long time before returning a verdict of guilty. They were desirous of applying to the District Judge to know if it was in their power to do otherwise than send him to the penitentiary. After the trial they unanimously signed a card that in their judgment the penitentiary was no fit place for such as the defendant, and recommending a reformatory institution.

### Attachments at Bryan.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

BRYAN, TEX., Feb. 2.—In compliance to an order issued out of the United States District court, United States Marshal William Waller levied an attachment upon the stock of go-ds bought of W. A. Hapel by A. W. Mathis a few days ago, in favor of the firm of Scheplin, Baldwin, Tweedy & Co. (f. Blainfield, N. J., for upwards of \$2000.

An attachment was levied yesterday on the same stock for \$900, but Mathis filed a claimant's bond and the doors were reopened. As yet the house is closed since the levy of the last attachment.

### RIDDLEBERGER'S VOTE.

The Virginia Senator Tells Why He Voted Against the Fishery Retaliatory Bill.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Patrick Ford of the Irish World has received the following letter from Senator Riddleberger, explaining why he voted against the fishery retaliatory bill:

SENATE CHAMBER, WASHINGTON, Feb. 1, 1887.

Patrick Ford, Esq.:

DEAR SIR—I beg leave to say that since my vote on the so-called retaliatory bill I have been requested from several sources to make public my reasons for my single vote. Briefly stated, I regard such retaliatory legislation as child's play, especially when Canadian fishermen are almost within a stone's throw of the American shores. What we want is coast defenses, cruisers and men-of-war to resent insults

as they are offered. Trifling with such matters but humiliates and procrustianizes. If we would have the respect of England we must command it, and there is but one way to command it. Beginning with retaliation, so-called, will ultimately end in treaties which may swap American citizens for boodle aldermen. Guns are better guarantees against insults and injuries than paper treaties. Such is my humble opinion. Very respectfully, [Signed] H. H. RIDDLEBERGER.

### THE CHARLES MURDER.

Steve Burton, the Negro Arrested for the Crime, Makes Three Confessions. Special to the Gazette.

MEXIA, TEX., Feb. 3.—Steve Burton, the negro arrested yesterday on suspicion of having murdered Neal Quarles and jailed last night, became greatly frightened at the crowd which gathered there after the south bound Central train left, and when first interviewed stoutly denied any knowledge of or participation in the crime, but at about 3 o'clock this morning made a partial confession to the crowd who remained there with him the whole night. He alleges that while he was with the crowd, who were murdering Neal and knew of the plot having been made by these same parties more than a month ago to kill him, he had no hand in the murder further than to toll Quarles off with seductive promises to the cotton yard while Albert Jefferson, the negro who acted as a confederate and for whom the officers are still in pursuit, Steve's brother-in-law, Chess Adams, and Edom Burton were in waiting, and that Albert Jefferson shot him, Edom hit him with a pole and Chess Adams cut his throat. The jury, retelling on this confession, again deferred convening until to-morrow, and dispatched Constable Lewis after Chess Adams and Edom Burton. One was found attending the funeral of the murdered man at his home, and the other at home working. Constable Lewis returned to-night with both parties, jail Edom and turned Chess loose, it having been stated by a party for whom Chess had been working for some time that he was not there. Chess will be here, though, at the trial to-morrow.

Steve has made numerous confessions since morning to two corroborating each other, and his frequent attempts at suicide by putting his head against the walls, stuffing rags down his throat, and hanging a chain around his neck, etc., just after the first confession convinced many that he did the bloody work of cutting the throat of the murdered man.

The end is not yet, and rich developments are looked for to-morrow.

### THE SHAWNEES.

They Are Thriving Since Living with the Cherokees. Special to the Gazette.

TALHEQUAH, I. T., Feb. 3.—Talking to James Walker, the representative of the Shawnee Indians, to-day, it is learned that the Shawnees are getting along splendidly since they have become a part of the Cherokee nation. They live in one corner of the nation about 100 miles southwest of this place, and Mr. Walker says they always live in a bunch to themselves. They cannot be persuaded to scatter out among their Cherokee neighbors to any great extent. He says his people tried the allotment plan and gave it up. Their lands are near and adjoining Kansas City. In the bargain made some years ago they got their shares, however, but did not hold them long but sold on account of the incongruity of their surroundings. They could not live with the whites and soon sought a reservation in common with the Indian Territory among the Cherokees where they have been living for the last ten or twelve years, but before leaving Kansas a majority of them became paupers almost, the allotment system causing this. They have paid their pro rata share into the Cherokee nation for homes, and here they expect to live to the end. Though a part of them, a fraction called the Black Bands, have a small reservation in the Potawatomi nation, once the most powerful tribe among the Aborigines, numbering their warriors by the thousands they have become all old, a small handful of remnants not over 500 or 600. Broken treaties on the part of the United States government has done all this. Once they were rich in lands and money, but they are poor now and seem to be contented in their new adopted homes. Continuing, he said quite a lot of people left valuable improvements and lands in Kansas when they came here, so anxious were they to get away from their lands, and these lands have become more valuable than ever in the last two or three years, and tricksters and sharpers have been busy beating my people out of these lands by going to them and telling them they were not worth much, and buying lands worth \$100 per acre near Kansas City and vicinity for from \$10 to \$20, and my people not knowing the value of their possessions they left behind have been swindled dreadfully in this way. This matter is now being looked into by the department at Washington by special agents who have been investigating these Cherokee transactions, and I look to see all of our people get something like just compensation for their property in Kansas.

### A TERRIBLE FIGHT.

A Michigan Man Struggles with a Ravenous Bear, Having Only a Pocket Knife.

SHEBOYGAN, MICH., Feb. 3.—Julius Hanley, a settler near Wolverine station, thirty miles south of this village, while locating section lines through the woods on snow shoes, came suddenly upon a ravenous bear a short distance from a cabin, and a terrible encounter ensued. Hanley's ears and nose were bitten off, his face frightfully slashed and the flesh on his breast torn off in strips. One hand was chewed off and his bowels apparently ripped open. He was found in the cabin in a dying condition. Hanley fought it with a pocket knife.

Uncle Sam's War Preparations.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., Feb. 3.—The railroad companies having headquarters in Milwaukee have recently made out by request of the War Department a list of their rolling stock and a statement of their ability to convey troops to points on their lines. The statements were sent on to the War Department at Washington.

M. Spuller, the deputy who represented France at the Barthold statue dedication, declares that in the United States there is more liberty and less license than anywhere else.

## ON WALL STREET.

**The Political Complications in Europe Have a Depressing Influence on the Stock Market.**

The General List Closed Weak—The Final Prices of Railway Bonds Show Losses in Most Cases.

### COMMERCIAL RESUME.

Special to the Gazette.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Railway bonds to-day sold as follows: Fort Worth and Denver City at 89½; Texas and Pacific at 91½; Rio at 85½; Houston and Texas Central 1's at 113; Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio 1's at 106; Kansas and Texas 5's at 84; do 6's at 97½; Houston and Texas Central 5's at 94½.

Money at 3½ per cent. Governments steady. Wheat excited and strong. Oil closed at 67½. Cotton 1 point lower. Coffee quiet.

GOVERNMENTS, STOCKS AND BONDS. NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Government bonds dull and steady.

The political complications in Europe and their depressing influence on the market is more and more especially on the London stock market, again became the most important factor in the course of prices here. The early morning advices showed a feverish and depressed condition among our securities upon the London exchange.

The confident feeling existing last evening had disappeared before the opening of the board. There was again a pressure to sell by foreign houses, and all of the specialties in which London is interested were heavy sufferers. As usual, the room trader was on the side of the dominant movement, and sales from both sides of the account were heavy. Although there was no encouragement in the progress of negotiations looking toward the settlement of the labor difficulties, the advices from Wall Street were favorably received. Stocks were more freely supported and an entire revolution in the temper of speculation took place. The only losses were entirely recovered under the free covering of shorts, but the realizations toward the close caused a slight depression. At that time New England was the most conspicuous stock on the list, and the specialties came next in order. The general list, however, was comparatively quiet. The opening was decidedly weak, the declines from last evening's final figures being from 4 to 15, the latter in Reading. A steady depreciation took place and by 12:30 material declines had been established. After that time, however, better feeling prevailed and by the delivery hour most of the stocks were at the highest for the day and considerably above the opening figures. A renewal of the depression occurred in the last three-quarters of an hour, and the market closed quiet and generally weak. The active list generally shows a decline, Louisville and Nashville being down 24, Texas and Pacific 14, Norfolk and Western preferred 13.

Railroad bonds were moderately active. Prices slightly followed the movement in share speculation, and the final prices show losses in a majority of cases.

RATE OF DISCOUNT REDUCED. LONDON, Feb. 3, 12:30 P. M.—The Bank of England has reduced the rate of discount from 5 to 4 per cent.

ON THE PARIS BOURSE. PARIS, Feb. 3 1:30 P. M.—Three per cent. rentes declined to-day, and are now quoted at 77 francs, a fall of 1 franc 45 centimes from the closing quotations of yesterday.

5 per cent. rentes have now fallen to 75 francs 95 centimes. This shows a net decline during the last year of 6 francs 23 centimes, 5 francs 55 centimes of this amount having been lost during the past two weeks.

CAUSE OF THE LONDON SCARE. LONDON, Feb. 3.—There was intense excitement on the Stock Exchange all afternoon, and at the close of the market a panicky feeling prevailed. The unfavorable state of the market was due chiefly to reports of heavy failures on the Paris bourse, and to a rumor yet unconfirmed that a large banking institution in Berlin had collapsed.

THE CAUSE OF THE PANIC. NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—The Sun this morning says: "Why should a leading article in a Berlin newspaper produce a panic on every Stock Exchange in Europe? Because the journal in question, the Berlin Post, is Bismarck's favorite channel of communication with the public, because the war of 1870 was ushered in with just such a newspaper fusillade, and because the efforts by the Chancellor to fix the coming war on General Boulanger are identical with the maneuver against Napoleon III., and by which the latter, driven to the wall, was made to figure as the wanton aggressor. Once more France is isolated, both Italy and Austria being bound to Germany by treaty, and France's long cherished hope of winning the Czar's co-operation has been definitely lost. Meanwhile, since the accession of General Boulanger to office the French Republic has been making military preparations on a scale so colossal that failure to employ them would, as the Berlin Post demonstrates, ruin the minister, and the republic for such stupendous revelry. In other words, Boulanger now finds himself in a predicament."

Died from His Injuries. DENISON, TEX., Feb. 3.—This morning at 9 o'clock the little five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Denny died from his wounds received from the kick of a horse on last Thursday afternoon. Little Rock Denny was a bright boy for his age, and was a great favorite with those who knew the little fellow. His funeral will take place to-morrow.

Still Boring at McGregor. Special to the Gazette.

MCGREGOR, TEX., Feb. 3.—The Artesian well being bored by the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway at this place is now 250 feet deep with water within forty feet of the top. The prospects are most flattering and it is hoped that at an early date the water will be seen rushing out of the top.

A Rapist Escapes. Special to the Gazette.

LONGVIEW, TEX., Feb. 3.—Buck Steadman, the brutal rapist of a four-year-old girl at Tally's mill Monday, succeeded in making his escape, but every officer in the county has his description, and he will hardly escape justice.